

Superior National Forest

Outreach Notice

(Vacancy **not** currently advertised)

Position Title: Forestry Technician, Wilderness Ranger

Position Grade: GS-462-7

Organization: Gunflint Ranger District

Duty Station: Tofte or Grand Marais, MN

Reply by March 23, 2012

The Superior National Forest (SNF) will soon be advertising to fill the position above. The target position is a GS-462-7, **permanent seasonal position**, guaranteed 18 pay periods of work and a maximum of 8 pay periods in non-pay status. The annual salary range is **\$38,790 to \$50,431**. If you are interested in being considered, please complete the [Outreach Notice Reply Form](#) at the end of this document.

Contact Information

We encourage you to call or e-mail us as to your interest and learn more about living and working on the north shore of Lake Superior in Minnesota. This position offers a challenging career opportunity, as well as the pleasures the way living in Northern Minnesota can bring to you. Be sure to check out the web sites for more information.

Ann Schwaller at (218) 663-8083 or aschwaller@fs.fed.us would be glad to provide additional information on this position and the community.

Position Description

This is a zone position serving two Ranger Districts, Tofte Ranger District located in Tofte, MN and Gunflint Ranger District located in Grand Marais, MN. The incumbent serves as Supervisory Lead Wilderness Ranger for the East Zone. Responsibilities include supervising permanent, temporary and volunteer wilderness staff; and providing procedural and technical expertise in the planning, coordination, and administration of projects or program activities associated with the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness management. This position also plans and carries out wilderness maintenance, rehabilitation, reconstruction, and construction projects in accordance with wilderness management objectives and policies; initiates visitor contact and conducts education programs addressing such issues as "Leave No Trace" camping and wilderness philosophy. Other responsibilities include enforcing wilderness regulations, performing inventories and monitoring to determine facility (campsites, trails, portages) and wilderness resource conditions (wildlife, fish, soil, water, vegetation), requesting budgets for projects/supplies, serving as a team member for various project analyses, and monitoring and documenting administrative motorized use.

Qualification Requirements for this position can be found in the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) Operating Manual for Qualification Standards for General Schedule Positions, which is available from any Federal Government Personnel Office and OPM on their web site (www.opm.gov/qualifications/index.htm)

The Superior National Forest, located in the Northeast tip of Minnesota, is sandwiched between Lake Superior and the Canadian border. One third of its three million acres contains the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness (BWCAW).

The Superior National Forest contains over 2,000 lakes. Even so, only 12% of the Forest's 3.9 million acres is covered by water. The National Forest hosts 27 United States Forest Service campgrounds, 9 Minnesota DNR campgrounds, 2,200 developed campsites within the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness (BWCAW), and 254 back country campsites outside the BWCAW. These camping areas provide quick access to 354 fishing lakes, 162 public boat landings, 29 picnic areas, 400 miles of designated hiking trails, 450 miles of groomed cross-country ski trails, and over 1500 miles of canoe routes through the BWCAW.

The northern forest community thrives with its pine, fir, and spruce trees and is home to numerous wildlife species including eagles, deer, gray wolf, common loon, Canadian lynx, moose, and black bear.

- *Gray wolf*: Northern Minnesota is the last stronghold of the gray wolf in the lower 48 states. Approximately 300-400 wolves continue to roam within the boundaries of the Superior National Forest today
- *One of 100 globally important bird areas* by the American Bird Conservancy
- *Fish species*: walleye, northern pike, smallmouth bass, lake trout, brook trout, rainbow trout, and brown trout can be found in abundance
- *Diverse habitat* for a vast array of wildlife species including bald eagle, gray wolf, and Canada lynx, which are species on the Federal endangered list
- Deer, moose, common loon, and black bear are commonly seen

More information can be found on the Superior National Forest Employment page at <http://www.fs.usda.gov/goto/superior/employment>.

The Gunflint Ranger District office is in Grand Marais, Minnesota. It is located in Northern Minnesota on the north shore of Lake Superior 120 miles northeast of Duluth, Minnesota.

Grand Marais, Minnesota is a small picturesque town on the shore of Lake Superior, and is on the eastern edge of the Superior National Forest. It has a year-round population of approximately 2500, and is the county seat of Cook County. The town has long been influenced by tourism, being located near the internationally known natural attraction of the largest fresh water lake in the world, as well as the BWCAW, which is the most visited wilderness area in the nation. It is a modern population center with grocery stores, gas stations, restaurants, outfitters, lodging, hardware and variety stores, gift and souvenir shops, library, city and county services, and medical facilities, and to complement the natural attractions; a vibrant arts community. The K-12 public school system provides a very good curriculum, including college level courses, and

the University of Minnesota has a campus in Duluth. The area is served by airports in Duluth (120 miles), and in Thunder Bay, Ontario, Canada (90 miles).

More information on Grand Marais, Minnesota can be found at:

www.boreal.org

www.grandmaraismn.com

www.silverbay.com

www.exploreminnesota.com

The Tofte Ranger District office is in Tofte, Minnesota. It is located in Northern Minnesota 90 miles northeast of Duluth, Minnesota on Highway 61, on the north shore of Lake Superior.

Tofte, Minnesota is a small picturesque town on the shore of Lake Superior with a population of about 200. It is home to a bank, a Lutheran Church, resorts and restaurants, a grocery store, a gas station and a couple of gift shops. There is an elementary school (grades 1-5) with the remaining grades at a larger school in Grand Marais. Tofte is located between the communities of Silver Bay and Grand Marais. There are limited opportunities for home purchase or rental.

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Permanent Seasonal Position (18/8)

If you would like to be notified when the position is advertised, please complete this form and return to **Ann Schwaller** via email at schwaller@fs.fed.us

Contact Information

Name:

E-mail address:

Contact Number:

Current Federal Employees:

Agency/Forest:

Series:

Grade:

Position Title:

Type Appointment:

Non-Federal Employees

Current Occupation:

Agency/Company:

Are you eligible to be hired under any of the following special authorities?

Person with Disability

Veterans Readjustment

Disabled Veterans w/30% Compensatory Disability

Veterans Employment Opportunities Act of 1998

Former Peace Corp Volunteer

Other _____

Replying to this outreach allows us to notify you when the vacancy is posted to USAJobs and AVUE. Applications for this position will be submitted via AVUE at <https://www.avuedigitalservices.com>

We appreciate your interest in the Superior National Forest.